

Call for Proposals

*The International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities
invites you to submit proposals for the*

46th Annual IARLD Conference
Kielce, Poland
2 July, 2024 Pre-conference activities
3-4 July 2024 Conference
5 July 2024 Post-conference activities
Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce
PROPOSAL DEADLINE: January 15th, 2024

INTRODUCTION

This year's conference will include three presentation formats:

- Interactive posters
- Symposia
- Roundtable discussions

Each of these formats allows time for in-depth discussion among participants. We will also have the William Cruickshank Memorial Lecture, an invited address in honor of our founder.

Guidelines for the three types of presentations are detailed below. All proposals should be submitted electronically. Proposals should indicate the preferred format; however, the program committee reserves the right to change the requested session format in order to create a balanced and integrated program. All proposals will be reviewed by the 2024 conference committees and/or by Fellows in the Academy with expertise in the specific content area.

Papers are eligible if they are submitted or sponsored by Academy members and have not been previously published. Academy members are encouraged to include colleagues and/or graduate students who are not Academy members in their session. **The first author of each paper is required to present the paper at the Annual Conference.** If the first author is unable to attend due to emergency, he or she should contact the conference chair.

Authors should bring approximately 40 copies of papers or handouts to their session for distribution to interested colleagues. PowerPoint presentations are preferable for symposia. A computer and projector will be available. If you require other types of audio-visual equipment, please let us know.

Note:

1) The *Academy* conference emphasizes discussions of conceptual issues and themes among attendees. All presenters must stay within the time limits allowed for the presentations. The conference chairs will enforce these time limits strictly so that adequate opportunities exist for general discussion of themes and issues.

2) As the Academy conference is small, all conference attendees are expected to attend all sessions during this 2-day conference.

Early registration discounts end on March 15, 2024

HOW TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Proposals will only be accepted as an attached Word Document sent to the following e-mail address by January 15th: iarld.2024@gmail.com

Please title the document using the format of the proposal type followed by your last name, for example: poster_Murphy

All presenters must register for the conference. First authors and coordinators will be notified by e-mail of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals by February 15th, 2024. Priority will be given to panels with international representation and to investigations that have already been completed. The final selection of papers may be limited by the number of session slots available over the course of this two-day conference. For more information regarding the Conference, including conference registration, please visit:

www.iarld.com

1. HOW TO SUBMIT INTERACTIVE POSTER SESSION PROPOSALS

There will be one poster session that will last approximately 2 hours and will be held in conjunction with a wine and cheese reception. Individual papers will be scheduled for poster sessions if they are not part of round table discussions or symposia. Poster sessions provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion between the poster presenter and conference attendees. Poster sessions typically involve presentations of research data from a recent study conducted by the participants.

Materials to be submitted with a Poster Session Proposal via e-mail to:

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1. **Information:** Names of presenters; affiliations; addresses; phone, fax, and e-mail addresses.

2. **Title and Abstract:** Maximum of 120 words (title excluded)

3. **Summary:** 1-2 page summary (750 words maximum excluding references) for use in judging the merits of the proposed poster. The summary should deal explicitly with as many of the following as are applicable, preferably in this order:

(a) **Objectives** - Provide a concise statement of the major research that motivated the study. Include sufficient citations to create an adequate context for the issues to be addressed.

(b) Methods – Provide a detailed description of the participant group(s) studied or of the database examined (in the case of a literature review or methodological critique, etc.). When describing the participants, pay particular attention to information regarding sample size, age range, ability and achievement levels, socioeconomic factors, and educational context. Provide a description of the tasks, procedures, and data analyses. This is particularly important when the measures used are not commercially available or do not have an established research history.

(c) Results – Provide a concise summary of the major findings of the study, including results of statistical tests.

(d) Importance of the Study – Provide a brief discussion of the clinical, educational, and/or scientific importance of the findings in the context of the issues raised under (a).

Poster Dimensions: To be announced upon acceptance.

2. HOW TO SUBMIT SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

Symposia will provide an opportunity to examine a specific problem or topic from a variety of perspectives. **The goal of symposia is to stimulate discussion among conference attendees. Each symposium will consist of 3 presenters and a discussant. Each presenter will be allocated a maximum of 15 minutes to present a scholarly paper, which will be followed by a discussion, lasting approximately 45 minutes. The final discussion is stimulating and enriching and IARLD Symposium presenters must follow the timeline. Questions and discussion CANNOT be scheduled after each paper as the final discussion provides an opportunity for all questions relating to all papers.**

Responsibilities of symposia coordinators: The proposal should identify an appropriate symposium coordinator who:

- Organizes the symposium
- Ensures that the papers relate to a central theme and generate important issues for discussion
- Introduces the speakers
- Introduces the topic to provide the audience with a background for the presentations
- Enforces the 15 minute time-limit for speakers

Coordinators must have the consent of all participants before submitting the proposal. The coordinator must ascertain that each person named as a participant or discussant attends the conference if the session is accepted. If a participant cannot attend, the coordinator should find a suitable replacement and notify the program committee and all other participants in the session. In addition, coordinators should organize an exchange of abstracts among the participants and discussant before the conference so that they can formulate their remarks in a common context, and organize visual materials such as PowerPoint presentations to facilitate smooth transitions between speakers.

Only the symposium coordinator will be notified about the acceptance of a symposium, and he or she is responsible for notifying all participants.

Responsibilities of Presenters: Presenters are responsible for a 15-minute scholarly presentation that summarizes the results of one or more studies and for participating in the ensuing discussion of the papers.

Responsibilities of the Discussant: The discussant will have about 5 to 10 minutes to provide an overview and raise broad discussion questions. The overview should focus on the linkages between presentations, and the theoretical, methodological, or practical implications of the broader findings. The ensuing audience-based general discussion, moderated by the discussant, will last approximately 45 minutes. The discussant will be responsible for keeping the general discussion focused and stimulating.

Note: Each speaker in a symposium will have 15 minutes to present. Symposia coordinators should limit the number of presenters to allow a minimum of 45 minutes of general discussion of the issues raised in the symposium. All presenters must stay within the time limits allowed for the presentations. The conference chairs will enforce these time limits strictly so that adequate opportunities exist for general discussion of themes and issues. Speakers should bring copies of their papers or handouts to distribute at the conference so that the presenters can address major themes and raise issues for discussion.

Materials to be Submitted with a Symposium Proposal:

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Please title the document using the format of the proposal type followed by your last name, for example: symposium_Murphy

1. **Information:** Names of presenters; affiliations; addresses; phone, fax, and e-mail addresses.
2. Title of Symposium and Summary of Symposium (150 words)
3. **Title and Summary of each Presentation: 1-2 page summary (750 words maximum excluding references)** Each summary should deal explicitly with as many of the following as are applicable, preferably in this order:

(a) Objectives of research – Provide a concise statement of the major research that motivated the study. Include sufficient citations to create an adequate context for the issues to be addressed.

(b) Importance of the study as it relates to the topic of the symposium.

(c) Methods – Provide a detailed description of the participant group(s) studied or of the database examined (in the case of a literature review or methodological critique, etc.). When describing the participants, pay particular attention to the information regarding sample size, age range, ability, and achievement levels, socioeconomic factors, and educational context. Provide a description of the tasks, procedures, and data analyses. This is particularly important when the measures used are not commercially available or do not have an established research history.

(d) Results – Provide a concise summary of the major findings of the research, including results of statistical tests.

(e) Conclusions.

(f) References.

4. Please let the conference committee know what audio-visual equipment you will need to make sure that the equipment is available on-site.

3. HOW TO SUBMIT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION PROPOSALS

This format consists of **3 - 4 speakers**, one of whom is the coordinator. There will be approximately 6-8 roundtables over the two-day conference, with 3 - 4 concurrent sessions in each time slot. The coordinator proposes a theme and invites three or four presenters with diverse views to discuss their research and perspectives relevant to this theme. Each panelist will be given 5 minutes to summarize his/her perspective relevant to the critical themes and global issues framed by the coordinator. After the presentations, the coordinator will highlight issues emerging across the individual presentations and lead the general discussion (approximately 45 minutes).

The conference chair and committee may also invite specific Academy members to organize round table discussions and solicit proposals.

Roundtables differ from symposia and poster sessions in several ways.

1. The topic of a roundtable should be a controversial issue that stimulates diverse points of view. The issue can involve a conceptual question (e.g., Are the social problems of individuals with learning disabilities associated with comorbid diagnoses such as ADHD, anxiety disorders, and depression?), a methodological question (e.g., The relative merits of quantitative and qualitative research in understanding the perspective of individuals with learning disabilities), or a practice question (e.g., Does implementation of RTI definitions of learning disabilities lead to timely identification and effective intervention with students who have severe learning disabilities?).

2. Although the material that speakers present should be based on research evidence, the purpose of the roundtable is to provide a forum for a discussion of a specific topic.

3. Since the focus is on engaging all participants who attend the roundtable discussion, audio-visual equipment will not be available for roundtables. Speakers should bring copies of a one-page handout summarizing their position and supporting research.

4. Materials to be Submitted with a Roundtable Discussion Proposal:

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1. **Information:** Names of presenters; affiliations; addresses; phone, fax, and e-mail addresses.
2. **Title and Abstract:** Maximum of 200 words (title excluded)

The coordinator submits a 200 word abstract that explains the importance of the theme. The coordinator should identify a key question or questions that will be addressed by the presenters. **Summary:** Each presenter submits a summary of 1-2 paragraphs explaining their viewpoints and perspectives in relation to the global theme of the roundtable discussion.

Note: PowerPoint presentations cannot be used for the roundtable discussions. Each presenter should bring copies of a 1-page handout for the discussion.